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SUBJECT: SAS TO MAKE FURTHER FLIGHT REDUCTIONS

REF: STOCKHOLM 4109

1. SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES SYSTEM (SAS) HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF NOVEMBER 26, REPORTING ITS DECISION TO CANCEL (ASSUMING APPROVAL BY SCAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES) SOME 40 FLIGHTS WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING ITS ONLY CONNECTION WITH ISRAEL, AS FUEL-SAVING MEASURE DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 29- DECEMBER 30. ACCORDING TO STOCKHOLM DAILY EXPRESSEN, BP, TEXACO, AND SHELL HAVE BEGUN TO CUT BACK FUEL DELIVERIES TO SAS AT SEVERAL POINTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AT SOME PLACES UP TO 25 PERCENT. TO MEET PROBLEM, SAS IS CUR-
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RENTLY ATTEMPTING TO REDUCE ITS OVERALL FUEL CONSUPTION BY

10-15 PERCENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO HALT IN DAILY STOCKHOLM/BERGEN/NEW YORK FLIGHT (SK 903-904) PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED (REFTEL), SAS SERVICE TO US WILL ALSO BE REDUCED BY CANCELLATION OF COPENHAGEN/SEATTLE/LOS ANGELES (SK 933-934) ON DECEMBER 4 AND 11. NOTHING DEFINITE HAS BEEN DECIDED FOR LATTER FLIGHT BEYOND THOSE DATES, BUT NEW CUTS ARE POSSIBLE.

3. SAS WILL ALSO CANCEL AT LEAST UNTIL YEAREND FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FOR WHICH NORMAL FREQUENCIES ARE SHOWN BELOW:

BANGKOK/SINGAPORE/JAKARTA (SK 973-974) MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS
BANGKOK/KUALA LUMPUR/SINGAPORE (SK 987-988) TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
ATHENS/CAIRO (SK 871-872) WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS
ATHENS/BEIRUT (SK 831-832) TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS
COPENHAGEN/TEL AVIV (SK 853) SUNDAYS. WITH THIS CANCELLATION, INTERESTINGLY, SAS NO LONGER SERVES ISRAEL.
GOTEBORG/LONDON (SK 521-522) DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS
COPENHAGEN/MANCHESTER/DUBLIN (SK 537-538) FRIDAYS
COPENHAGEN/GLASGOW (SK 535-536) SUNDAYS
COPENHAGEN/PARIS (SK 567-568) TUESDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS
OSLO/LONDON (SK 511-512) DAILY
BERGEN/STAVANGER/LONDON (SK 515-516) TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS
COPENHAGEN/GENEVA (SK 607-608) TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS.
FLIGHTS TO MONROVIA AND SUNDAY FLIGHT BETWEEN COPENHAGEN AND AMSTERDAM WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.

4. FLIGHTS WITHIN SCANDINAVIA WILL BE REDUCED BY CANCELLATION OF COPENHAGEN/MALMO/COPENHAGEN (SK 552) DAILY AND STOCKHOLM/COPENHAGEN (SK 581-585) DAILY, AND CERTAIN DOMESTIC FLIGHTS. IN SWEDEN, SAS WILL CANCEL:
STOCKHOLM/MALMO (SK 157-158) DAILY
GOTEBORG/STOCKHOLM (SK 128) DAILY
STOCKHOLM/GOTEBORG (SK 129) MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS.

5. SAS HAS REPORTEDLY ALREADY SOUGHT NECESSARY APPROVAL OF CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES FOR THESE REDUCTIONS AND HAS PROPOSED TO THEM SUBSTITUTION OF DC-8
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AIRCRAFT FOR JUMBO JETS ON TRANS-ATLANTIC ROUTES. CONCURRENCE IS EXPECTED.
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